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DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS AT LOW PRICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government distributes seeds at low prices to the farmers keeping in view their poor financial condition;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria adopted in this regard; and

(c) the details of farmers benefited by this scheme annually, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The distribution subsidy under different schemes is given as under:-

For Paddy and Wheat seed @ Rs.2/kg.

For Bajra, Jowar, Barley and Ragi varieties @ Rs.4/kg.

For certified seeds of all crops of oilseeds pulses and oilseeds @ Rs.8/kg or 25% of the seed cost whichever is less.

For Certified seeds of cotton @ Rs.20/kg.

For certified seeds of Jute and Mesta @ Rs.8/kg. or 25% of the seed cost whichever is less.

(c): All categories of farmers are benefited under above mentioned schemes. Whereas the subsidy for Paddy, Wheat, Bajra, Jowar, Barley and Ragi, Jute & Mesta is available under Macro Management Scheme of Agriculture which is applicable to all States, the subsidy on Cotton seeds is available in States covered under Technology Mission on Cotton viz., Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Subsidy on oilseeds and pulses is available in States covered under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, to give boost to production of oilseeds and pulses in States not covered under ISOPOM scheme, support is being given through Macro Management Scheme of Agriculture as per the Work Plan submitted by States.